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In response to the Office Action mailed September 24, 2002, to which a response is due with a three-month extension by March 24, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 11 and 19 without prejudice and without dedication or abandonment of the subject matter thereof.

Please amend Claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, and 16 and add new Claims 20 and 21 as follows:

1. (Amended) A multilayer, biaxially oriented polypropylene transparent film comprising a base layer, said base layer having a weight, said base layer being formed from an isotactic homopolymer comprising a hydrocarbon resin in an amount of from 1 to 20% by weight based on said weight of said base layer, the film further including at least one heat-sealable top layer and at least one interlayer in accordance with a BZD layer structure, which film comprises wax in its interlayer, wherein the interlayer comprises a wax having a mean molecular weight Mn of from 200 to 1200, said at least one top layer and said at least one interlayer being formed from a polymer taken from the group consisting of an isotactic propylene homopolymer, a propylene copolymer, or a propylen terpolymer.

5. (Amended) A polypropylene film as claimed in claim 1, wherein the interlayer has a thickness of from 0.2 to 10 µm [, preferably from 0.4 to 5 µm].

6. (Amended) A polypropylene film as claimed in claim 1, wherein the interlayer comprises a highly isotactic propylene homopolymer having a chain isotacticity index of the n-heptane-insoluble content, determined by ^{13}C-NMR spectroscopy, of at least 95%.

8. (Amended) A polypropylene film as claimed in claim 1, wherein wax-containing interlayers of olefinic polymers are applied to both sides between the base layer and the interlayer(s).

10. (Amended) A polypropylene film as claimed in claim 1, wherein the base layer comprises a highly isotactic propylene homopolymer having a chain isotacticity index of the n-heptane-insoluble content, determined by ^{13}C-NMR spectroscopy, of at least 95%.

12. (Amended) A polypropylene film as claimed in claim 1, wherein the base layer comprises an antistatic.

16. (Amended) A polypropylene film as claimed in claim 1, wherein the top layer(s) comprise(s) lubricants and antiblocking agents.

20. (New) A method for forming a multilayer, biaxially oriented polypropylene transparent film for use as a packing film, the method comprising the steps of forming a film having a base layer, at least one top layer and at least one interlayer, said base layer having a weight, said base layer being formed from an isotactic homopolymer comprising a hydrocarbon resin in an amount of from 1 to 20% by weight based on said weight of said base layer, said at least one top layer being a heat-sealable layer, and

said at least one interlayer being formed in accordance with a BZD layer structure, which film comprises wax in its interlayer, wherein the interlayer comprises a wax having a mean molecular weight Mn of from 200 to 1200, said at least one top layer and said at least one interlayer being formed from a polymer taken from the group consisting of an isotactic propylene homopolymer, a propylene copolymer, or a propylen terpolymer.

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21. (New) The method of Claim 20, wherein said packing film is usable as a cigarette wrapping film.

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